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H. R. 6117

To require the Comptroller General of the United States to analyze the impacts of Federal regulations on small businesses.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2008

Mr. HILL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Small Business Regu-
5 latory Equity Act of 2008”.

6 **SEC. 2. ANALYSIS OF IMPACTS OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS**
7 **ON SMALL BUSINESSES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September 30,
9 2009, and every two years thereafter, the Comptroller
10 General of the United States shall submit to Congress a

1 report containing the Comptroller General’s analysis of
 2 the impacts of Federal regulations on businesses described
 3 in subsection (c). The report shall detail—

4 (1) the cost and impacts of federally mandated
 5 regulations that are administered by State agencies;

6 (2) the amount of time such businesses must
 7 spend working with agencies attempting to obtain
 8 written responses to their written questions;

9 (3) the period of time that passes between sub-
 10 mitting such questions to agencies and receiving
 11 such responses;

12 (4) how long projects are delayed due to Fed-
 13 eral regulations; and

14 (5) how long it takes small business (on aver-
 15 age) to obtain permits from Federal agencies.

16 (b) IMPACTS COVERED.—The report shall cover, and
 17 treat separately, direct impacts (such as wages, time, and
 18 fees spent on compliance) and indirect impacts (such as
 19 the impact on cash flow, sales, and competitiveness).

20 (c) BUSINESSES COVERED.—The report shall cover,
 21 and treat separately, impacts on—

22 (1) businesses with 15 or fewer employees;

23 (2) businesses with 16 to 35 employees; and

24 (3) businesses with 36 to 50 employees.